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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Dear Ms. Avery,

As the Mayor of the City of Evanston which serves as the headquarters of NorthShore University HealthSystem, I am writing to you in support of NorthShore University HealthSystem's Certificate of Need ("CON") permit application regarding the construction of a new cardiology building at Glenbrook Hospital. As the Mayor of Evanston, I take great interest in advocating for the availability of high-quality care in the community and neighboring areas.

The City of Evanston is home to approximately 75,000 residents and is located just north of Chicago. Evanston's unique character attracts visitors and residents of all ages. With a vision to create the most livable city in America, Evanston celebrates the diversity of its opportunities and residents.

NorthShore launched its Cardiovascular Institute ("CVI") program in 2015 and offers more than 16 programs across cardiology, cardiovascular surgery, vascular surgery and medicine. The planned project will allow NorthShore to make significant investments, including the construction of a state-of-the-art facility which will further enhance the quality of cardiovascular care delivered and enable patients to access the latest clinical techniques for the treatment of cardiovascular disease. Evanston residents will be served by these new advanced services as well as by the continued availability of cardiology services at Evanston Hospital for emergent situations.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. and communities served by NorthShore. It has a disproportionate impact on communities of color and those vulnerable to the social determinants of health. Modernizing the CVI program at NorthShore Glenbrook Hospital will help address the cardiovascular needs of Evanston and neighboring areas.

Thank you for your consideration; as Evanston's Mayor I support the approval of this CON application.

Sincerely,

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Mayor of Evanston